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EAST PROVIDENCE POST CARDS: BOOKMARKS IN THE PAGES OF TIME

(Part II)

Members Meeting
Monday, May 23, 7 pm
Newman Church, Rumford

Historical society member, **Reinhard Wohlgemuth**, will present part II of his postcard collection. This time he takes us south of Wampanoag Trail following Pawtucket Avenue into Riverside to view the former amusements parks and lighthouses along the way. During the presentation, we will hear about the history of the depicted areas and see additional postcard views and current photos of the same locations.

Refreshments and business meeting will follow.

President's Letter

Kris Rose, President

Dear Members,

The calendar says it is spring. The daffodils at Hunts Mills say it is spring. Now if the weather would just catch up!

The Board has been busy and here is a summary of what has been happening: **Edna Anness** has submitted an application, on behalf of the Society, to the American Chemical Society requesting recognition of the **Rumford Chemical Works** for their contribution to chemistry in the form of baking powder. Thanks to Edna for her hard work.

The **Ham and Bean Supper/Brown Bag Auction** was a success and a lot of fun. A financial report will be available at the May members meeting. Thanks to those of you who supported this event.

These fund raisers help to pay for various bills incurred by the museum.

The Society now has **note cards** for sale with a picture of the Hunt House on the front. The cost is \$3.75 for 5.

A **fish ladder** is in the works for 3 dams in our area that are connected to the Turner Reservoir. The Board will request a meeting and will send a letter to the powers that be with our questions and concerns on the impact the ladder will have on Hunts Mill.

The Society now has a **new brochure** advertising the Hunt House Museum. Visit the museum, open on the second Sunday of each month, and pick one up.

The program for May will be the second half of 'East Providence Post Cards'. If you missed the first program, you don't want to miss this one! Plans are already being made for next year's programs. If anyone has any ideas, please contact a board member. We are also looking for someone to be **Chairperson of the Program Committee**.

The Society has purchased two **outdoor benches** that will be installed in the gazebo when it is finished. These benches will be paid for by two members who would like to dedicate them in memory of a loved one who is deceased. If anyone else is interested in doing this kind of thing, contact a board member.

A **Colonial Tea** is being planned by **Gladys Panzarella** for June 4, 2005. Check out the "ad" in this issue for details.

I hope to see you all at our May meeting.

Kris Rose, President

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The HUNT HOUSE MUSEUM, HUNTS MILLS ROAD, RUMFORD, will be open on Sunday, June 12, 1 to 4 pm. Admission \$3, \$1 East Providence residents, Free for society members.

GIFTS TO THE MUSEUM

Edna Anness - 'phone from the forties.
Frances Miller - Tape of "This Is Your Life, Miss Waddington" made by the high school PTA, newspaper ad for Crescent Park, small Rumford Baking Powder tin, photo of the First Annual East Providence Teachers Association Clambake, 1950.
Katherine Perkins - Late 19th century clothing including mourning dress, nightgowns, lingerie, white summer dress (now on display) and Victorian hats.
Judith Sharpe - 'Flow blue' china pitcher, Mulberry plate, Wesley Sharpe's 1926 East Providence High School diploma.

Thank you. Your generosity is appreciated.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, Gladys Panzarella, Chairman, will present their slate of candidates for 2005/2006 at the May members meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Elections will be held at the June 27, Annual Meeting/Picnic.

RECOGNITION DEPARTMENT

George Page, society member, was featured in the Friday, May 6, *East Providence Post*. His interest in East Providence goes well beyond his extensive postcard collection.

Peter Allen, Treasurer, added to the ambiance of the Ham and Bean Supper with the purchase of colorful tablecloths for the tables he set up in the hall at Newman Church. The cloths that were planned for use were several inches too short for the tables. **Kris Rose**, President, got rave reviews for her auctioneering skills accompanied by **Gordon Wolfe** during the Brown Bag Auction.

Edna Anness, Virginia Berwick, Jeff and Cheryl Faria served as Hunt House Museum docents on Sunday, May 8.

The 5th and 6th grade classes of St. Margaret's School, Bishop Avenue, Rumford visited the Hunt House Museum on Tuesday, May 10th. **Edna Anness, Virginia Berwick, Gladys Panzarella and Eunice Tuckerman** served as docents. **Dave Kelleher** guided the students along the Historic Conservation Trail - 10 Mile River walk.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Society has a "Return Service Requested" arrangement with the Post Office. *There is a CHARGE every time we retrieve an undeliverable mailing.....* Please advise the Society of all changes, temporary or permanent. Thank you for helping us save money.

*Warm Welcome To
 Our New Member:
 George Murdock*

Preservation Committee

David Kelleher, Chairman

There are a number of projects continuing to go forward. In fact, there is more preservation activity here in East Providence than at any other time in recent memory.

The **Weaver House**, Grove Avenue: Progress continues. Roof and gutters are being replaced. The front portal is done and will soon be revealed. The wonderful 35 paned window has been uncovered on the third floor facing the library. City workers will be painting the house shortly.

A historical architect will soon be assigned to evaluate the **Brown/Williams Cottage**, Hunts Mills, to determine what should be done to restore the 18th century house.

All the paper work has been completed so that work may begin on the **1905 Amusement Park Office Building** at Hunts Mills. The building will get a new roof, stairs, window replacements, exterior painting, and foundation repairs. City workers will be doing the work. Since the workers will be doing the Weaver House first, the work on this building will be done in July/August.

Much progress has been accomplished by the **Friends of Pomham Rocks Lighthouse**. A newsletter committee has been formed, membership has reached 75 charter members, grants are now being submitted, a dinner/dance at the Squantum Club is being considered, a logo has been designed for future merchandise, and presentations have been presented to two groups so far, the **East Providence Chapter of the AARP** and the **East Providence Rotary**.

The third annual **East Providence Bus Tour** was held on April 16th. It was a sell out. Although the bus driver was an hour late, the tour was well received and plans are in the works for next year; probably for a morning and afternoon schedule.

Plans for **fish ladders in the Ten Mile River**, including the dam at Hunts Mills, are back on schedule. Financial backing is still needed from the Federal Government. There are several concerns about the final plans for the fish ladder at Hunts Mills that the Board of the historical society wants to address, mainly: *is a ladder needed at Hunts Mills since the dam is not very high and what would the fish trap be like?* A letter is being sent to the officials for a meeting.

The **Rumford Chemical Company complex**, North Broadway/ Greenwood Avenue, is about to be sold. The new owners, **The Peregrine Group**, is a local company that also is building Ross Commons on Roger Williams Avenue. Officials of the company have already contacted the society for input on the restoration of the complex for condos and business spaces. They will preserve the original building (the small wooden building across from the post office) and are looking at all the maps of the complex to try to maintain as much of the original buildings as possible.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

Monday, May 23, 7 P.M.

**Members Meeting - Public Invited
Newman Church, Rumford**

Program: Part II-East Providence Postcards

JUNE

Wednesday, June 1, 7 P.M.

**Board Meeting Members Welcome
Hunt House Museum**

Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

Saturday, June 4, 3 to 5 p.m.

Colonial Tea

**Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road
Donation \$10. Reservations Required**

Sunday, June 12, 1-4 P.M.

**Hunt House Museum Open
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford
Admission Charges**

Monday, June 27, 6 P.M.

**ANNUAL MEETING/
ELECTION OF OFFICERS/
PICNIC**

**Hunts Mills Recreation Area
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford**



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HUNT HOUSE MUSEUM COLONIAL TEA

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SATURDAY, June 4, 3 - 5 pm

Hunt House Museum, Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

GUESTS WILL BE SERVED BY

LADIES IN 18TH CENTURY ATTIRE.

GENTLEMEN INVITED.

***Reservations requested by Wednesday, June 1st. LIMITED SEATING.
DONATION: \$10. RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOOR FOR PAYMENT.***

TELEPHONE: 438-1750 OR 434-5116

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MAY MEMBERS MEETING